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Films, TV (But Not Webb) Seen Hurting Police Depts.

Hollywood and TV have hurt the average police department, thinks the next president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and he intends to do something about it.

"Most movies and private eye television stories hold the average policeman up to ridicule," says Colorado Springs Chief of Police Irvin B. "Dad" Bruce.

But there are exceptions, and Bruce, who prefers to be called "Dad," a nickname he acquired in his high school days, has nothing but praise for the Jack Webb police drama, "Dragnet."

Most shows portray the policeman as something incidental to law enforcement. It's always Sam somebody or other, the private eye, who catches the criminal.

"Now Dragnet is different, because it is true and directed by seasoned officers who know the work of the police."

As president of the huge law enforcement agency, which opens its 51st annual conference Monday in the Roosevelt hotel, Bruce, a former FBI special agent, said the organization hopes to receive a \$500,000 grant (he won't name the donor) to establish a research bureau in Washington, D. C.

Boas of No Scandal

"It will be concerned with educating the public, training, and public relations so that we can let the public know we have an organization of high-caliber men," Bruce said.

Bruce has headed the Colorado city's police force since 1941 and proudly boasts that there has never been a scandal among his 84 officers since taking over the department.

He will be elected president during the meeting of the IACP next week. General business sessions open at 9:15 a. m. Monday in the hotel with lectures, discussions and talks on crime prevention on the federal, state, county and city level.

"Any city gets the kind of police protection it wants," said the 50-year-old Bruce, when asked what he thinks of citizen investigations of police forces.

"If it wants loose protection, it gets it. It's up to the people," he said.



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IRVIN B. BRUCE

Visibly Pleased

Bruce is visibly pleased with the support Colorado Springs has given him since he was made chief.

"I think I can say we have the best-dressed department in the country, and that's important," he said.

"When an officer has to approach a citizen to give him a ticket, if he's polite and well-dressed, the citizen likes it. If he is sloppy and has a cigarette or cigar hanging out of his mouth, naturally the citizen's hair will stand right up and he'll be on the defensive."

Bruce said the American public has failed to look upon the police officer as a professional man.

"It's a vocation with him. Why we're getting college men every day on forces who are solving crimes today that went unsolved in the past. If you want brains you've got to pay for them," he said.

Speakers at the opening session include Lt. Col. Leon Lambert, Quebec Provincial Police, Quebec, Canada; Chief Carl F. Hansson, Dallas, Tex., association president; Gov. Hugh Gregg, New Hampshire; Warren Olney,

assistant to the attorney general of the United States, Washington.

Discuss Cop Problems

Col. Lawrence K. White, deputy director, central intelligence agency, Washington, D. C.; Rolf T. Harbo, assistant director of the federal bureau of investigation; Chief of Police Daniel S. C. Liu, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Panel On Crime

A meeting of the executive committee of the association will open Tuesday's session and this will be followed by a panel hearing on crime to be conducted by

Chief of Police Robert V. Murray, metropolitan police department, Washington, D. C.

Murray is chairman of the association's committee on juvenile delinquency.

Principal speakers at Tuesday's meeting will include A. E. Leonard, chief of crime statistics, federal bureau of investigation; police commissioner Thomas J. Gibbons, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Ruth Biederman, superintendent, Dwight, Ill., women's reformatory; and Shoichi Komoto, Tokyo police hospital, Tokyo, Japan.

Edward J. Allen, chief of the enforcement division of the department of liquor control, Columbus, Ohio, will talk on "La Mafia, Doctrine of the Underworld."

The annual banquet of the association will be held at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Roosevelt hotel. Robert Fabian, retired superintendent of Scotland Yard, England, will be the guest speaker.

The conference will close at 1 p. m. Thursday after a short meeting at which officers will be elected and a city selected for next year's meeting.

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